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2009 Leaf Cam Locations – Fall Travel Ideas

After Viewing Fall Colors Online, Plan a Trip to See Them Up Close

INDIANAPOLIS – Fall is a great time to visit Indiana, and the Indiana Office of Tourism Development's five Leaf Cams at VisitIndiana.com offer a peek to the changing colors of Indiana's trees. The five Leaf Cam locations offer a variety of ways to enjoy the outdoors this fall, including hiking, biking, horseback riding, cave exploring and special events.

Fort Harrison State Park is located on 1,700 acres of land on the northeast side of Indianapolis. One of Indiana's newer state parks, Fort Harrison features walking and jogging trails, picnic areas, access to fishing on Fall Creek, and two national historic districts. Many of the buildings within the park were part of Fort Benjamin Harrison, a former military base. A saddle barn offers horse and pony rides, riding lessons, and hayrides for groups of 20 or more. And, The Fort Golf Resort is an 18-hole championship course designed by famed golf architect Pete Dye

The **French Lick Resort** is a spectacular getaway tucked in the beautiful hills of Orange County. In addition to two historic hotels, the resort features three golf courses. Choose from the all-new Pete Dye Golf Course, in addition to the renovated Donald Ross Golf Course and the Valley Links Indiana Golf Course. The Stables at French Lick offers horse rides and pony rides that are fun for all ages. New hiking and biking trails offer visitors a scenic tour. Hiking trails range in distance from one to 2.5 miles, while bike trails range from one mile to 4.5 miles. Serious riders can choose from three longer bike trails, with total distances of 18, 34 and 40 miles.

Corydon, in **Harrison County**, was the original state capitol of Indiana and is home to the Corydon Capitol State Historic Site. This area of Southeast Indiana has many great outdoor activities for friends or family during the fall season. In nearby Milltown, visitors can rent canoes or kayaks from Cave Country Canoes and float down the river most weekends in the fall, depending on the weather and water levels. Weather is no problem at Marengo Cave, a U.S. Historic Landmark, since the temperature is always 52 degree and it never rains. Cave tours are open year-round except for certain holidays and canoe rides through the cave are available Friday-Sunday through October, weather and water levels permitting. Call (888) 702-2837 for current information on Cave Country Canoes or Marengo Cave. Huber's Orchard, Winery & Vineyards in Starlight hosts Fall Harvest Days throughout October. Huber's is open daily for apple and pumpkin picking along with wine tasting and lunch in the Starlight Café.

Spring Mill State Park, located in Mitchell in Lawrence County, has tremendous history and natural beauty. The campground has more than 200 sites and the Spring Mill Inn is a popular lodging destination. Boat rides into Twin Caves take place on weekends only through the end of October.

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The nearby Bluespring Caverns in Bedford offers daily boat rides inside the caverns through the end of October. A unique part of Spring Mill State Park is the Pioneer Village. In this area, 20 restored log cabins house areas such as the Mercantile, apothecary shop, blacksmith, meeting room, weaver, tavern and distillery. A working grist mill shows visitors how corn is turned into corn meal. The corn meal is available for purchase. Spring Mill is also home to the Gus Grissom Memorial Museum, a tribute to the Mitchell native and NASA astronaut who died along with two other astronauts during testing for the Apollo 1 mission. Highlights of the memorial include many of Grissom's personal items, as well as the Gemini II space capsule.

Brown County is one of Indiana's most popular fall destinations. Every year, visitors flock to see the breathtaking views of fall color at Brown County State Park, Indiana's largest state park. Visitors can view nature on foot, on a bike or on horseback. *Ride* magazine recently named Brown County State Park one of the best 33 mountain bike trail systems in the United States. The park also has a horseman's camp nestled in the hills where riders can bring their horses to take on the trails. Visitors can also stop at various lookout points as they drive through the park to experience panoramic views of the color. The town of Nashville is a quaint artist community with shops, dining and unique lodging along tree-lined streets.

Trip ideas, discounts, free travel brochures and the Indiana Insider blog are all available at VisitIndiana.com.

Sampling of Indiana Fall Events

October 5-10

Westside Nut Club Fall Festival

Evansville

www.nutclub.org

October 8-10

Shipshewana Fall Crafter's Fair

Shipshewana

www.shipshewana.com

October 9-10

Navy Bean Festival

Rising Sun

www.enjoyrisingsun.com

October 8-19

Parke County Covered Bridge Festival

Parke County

www.coveredbridges.com

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October 10-11

Feast of the Hunter's Moon

West Lafayette

www.tcha.mus.in.us

October 16-17, 21-25, 28-31

Conner Prairie's Headless Horseman

Fishers

www.connerprairie.org

October 16-18, 22-25, 29-30

Indianapolis Zoo's Halloween ZooBoo

Indianapolis

www.indianapoliszoo.com

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